

MEETING OF  
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, June 13, 2007, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Mark Davis (representing Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture)
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Pam Millman (representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer)
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.
W. Allen Jones, Treasurer	

Absent: G. Ray Staats, Allen Messick, and Kevin Coyle (representative for the Hon. John Hughes.)

The following staff members were in attendance: Scott Blaier, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Danielle Klosowski, Cathy Mesick, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski and Dr. Michael Valenti.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 938 farms in preservation districts totaling 145,243 acres, with a total of 488 farms under agricultural easements totaling 84,990 acres at a cost of \$134,036,378. For PDR 13 there are a total of 35 farms comprising 2,350 acres with a value of \$38,814,052 to be considered for purchase of development rights. For the Forestland Preservation program, there are 6 forest areas, totaling 279.3 acres.

II. District Final Approval:

1. N & M Burton Farm District, ID#S-07-01-245. After discussion **William Vanderwende moved to accept for final approval the N & M Burton Farm District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Forestland Preservation Area Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Masten Holdings, Inc. Forestland Preservation Area, ID#F-K-07-03-072E. After discussion, **Allen Jones moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Masten Holdings, Inc. Forestland Preservation Area, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Masten Holdings, Inc. Expansion of the Simpson Farms District, ID#K-07-03-072F. After discussion, **Allen Jones moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Masten Holdings, Inc. Expansion of the Simpson Farms District, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Alexander Farms Expansion of the Albert D. Warren District, ID#K-07-03-008E. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Alexander Farms Expansion of the Albert D. Warren District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
3. Lloyd Sr. Expansion #3 of the Whitby Farms LP District, ID#K-07-03-067K. After discussion, **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Lloyd Sr. Expansion #3 of the Whitby Farms LP District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

4. Susan Alexander Expansion of the McCullough District, ID#K-07-03-126F. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Susan Alexander Expansion of the McCullough District, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**
5. Tallen Farm Expansion of the Cedar Branch District, ID#S-07-03-236A. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Tallen Farm Expansion of the Cedar Branch District Area, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Public Comments – No public comments were received.

VI. Minutes - Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the May 24, 2007 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **William Vanderwende moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Financial Highlights:

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of May 31, 2007, \$21,782.48 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$70,395.85. We received \$454.93 revenue for the month of May made up of rollback taxes from Sussex County. Expenditures for the month of May totaled \$29,442.91. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Mark Davis. Motion unanimously approved.**

Cathy Mesick presented a memorandum dated June 11, 2007 from the bookkeeper, Howard Mesick, requesting transfers of funds from one account to another. There was no change in the over all budgeted amounts. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept the transfers of funds from one account to another from the memorandum dated June 11, 2007, seconded by Allen Jones. Motion unanimously approved.**

Cathy Mesick presented the proposed FY'08 budget to the Board. Several questions were asked, and discussion followed. After discussion, **Mark Davis moved to approve the FY'08 budget, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**

VIII. Executive Session – There was no need for an Executive Session.

IX. Other Business:

No other business before the Foundation Board.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on July 11, 2007 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lyn Davenport  
Secretary